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FOL GUATEMALA 2587 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON BELIZE
MAY 2, 1978 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2587

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, BH, GT, CU

SUBJ: BELIZE

REF: STATE 106239

1. I PASSED INFORMATION IN REFTEL ABOUT CUBANS IN BELIZE TO
PRESIDENT LAUGERUD TODAY. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
AND SAID, WITH RESPECT TO OUR STATEMENT THAT PRICE SEEMS WELL
AWARE OF THE COMPLICATIONS THAT WOULD BE CAUSED BY CUBAN
PARTICIPATION IN A SECURITY GUARANTEE, THAT THIS WOULD BE FINE
AND WE COULD ALL RELAX IF PRICE REALLY DID UNDERSTAND THIS.

2. HE WENT ON TO COMPLAIN AGAIN ABOUT BRITISH LACK OF INTEREST
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FOR PAST SIX WEEKS IN CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUATEMALA
ON BELIZE. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
MOLINA LATER TODAY TO DISCUSS IDEA OF SENDING A LETTER TO
PRESIDENT CARTER RECALLING LATTER'S ADVICE THAT GUATEMALA
PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITISH TO REACH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
ON BELIZE ISSUE, THE PURPOSE OF THE LETTER, HE SAID, WOULD BE
TO MAKE SURE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER KNEW THAT HE HAD FOLLOWED

THIS ADVICE AS BEST HE COULD AND THAT FACT THAT NO SETTLEMENT
HAD BEEN REACHED WAS NOT DUE TO ANY LACK OF INTEREST OR GOODWILL
ON GUATEMALA'S PART. I TOLD PRESIDENT THAT I KNEW THERE WAS
GENUINE APPRECIATION IN WASHINGTON FOR CONCESSIONS HE HAD
MADE IN EFFORT TO SOLVE BELIZE PROBLEM. BOSTER
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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